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Not many sequels are 35 years in the making and even fewer actually end up rivaling their lauded original, but "Blade Runner 2049" has done both. Over the last few weeks I spoke with the cast and crew of the hugely anticipated follow-up, and asked them the hows and whys. Delve inside to see Metro's coverage, which also includes a review for both the original and this weekend's sure-to-be top earning movie. metro.us

TRUMP DENIES TILLERSON THREATENED TO RESIGN

President Donald Trump denied on Thursday that Rex Tillerson had threatened to resign after a news report that the secretary of state had called him a moron and had to be repeatedly persuaded not to leave the administration. "Rex Tillerson never threatened to resign," Trump said in his most direct refutation of the resignation report. "This is Fake News put out by @NBCNews. Low news and

reporting standards. No verification from me." On Wednesday, the top U.S. diplomat, whose tenure has been dogged with rumors about unhappiness with Trump's policies and rhetoric, said he was committed to the president's agenda and had never considered resigning. NBC reported that, in a session with Trump's national security team and Cabinet officials at the Pentagon.

RUSSIAN HACKERS STOLE NSA CYBER SECRETS

2 Russian government-backed hackers stole highly classified U.S. cyber secrets in 2015 from the National Security Agency after a contractor put information on his home computer, the Wall Street Journal reported. The theft included information on penetrating foreign computer networks and protecting against cyber attacks and is likely to be viewed as one of the most significant security breaches to

date, the newspaper said. The NSA declined to comment, citing agency policy "never to comment on our affiliates or personnel issues." Reuters was not able to independently verify the report. If confirmed, the hack would mark the latest in a series of breaches of classified data from the secretive intelligence agency, including the 2013 leaks of data on classified U.S. surveillance programs by contractor Edward Snowden.

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3 A fan cosplays as Harvey Two Face during 2017 New York Comic Con — Day 1 on Thursday in New York City.

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DRONE, ARMY HELICOPTER COLLISION INVESTIGATED

4 The National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday it is investigating the Sept. 21 collision of a civilian drone and a U.S. Army UH-60 helicopter east of Staten Island, New York City, as concerns mount over the rising number of unmanned aircraft in U.S. airspace. The safety board said the Army helicopter sustained damage to its main rotor blade, window frame and

transmission deck. The Army is conducting a mishap investigation, the agency said. Earlier this year, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration banned drone flights over 133 U.S. military facilities, citing security concerns. In August, the Pentagon said it had given U.S. military bases the green light to shoot down private and commercial drones that could endanger aviation safety or pose other threats.

NETFLIX UPS US FEES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2015

5 Netflix Inc.'s U.S. business announced the first rises in monthly fees in two years on Thursday, hiking costs for two of its three main subscription plans as it spends heavily on its own original content. The company's mid-range plan, which allows streaming on two devices at the same time, was increased to \$10.99 per month from \$9.99. The top-tier plan, which allows streaming on

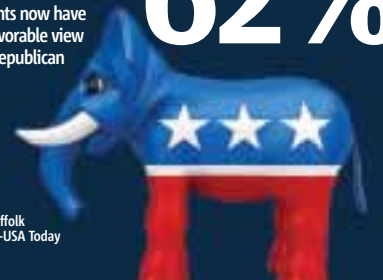
four screens in high definition, was raised to \$13.99 per month from \$11.99. The basic plan fee remained at \$7.99. Shares in the global streaming pioneer rose as much as 4.5 percent to a record high of \$192.80. "Most investors believe that Netflix is priced well below its value to consumers and want to see the management continue to increase monetization," Rob Sanderson analyst at MKM Partners said.

SURVEY

A survey shows that 62 percent of respondents now have an unfavorable view of the Republican Party.

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'Blade Runner' is back. We'll tell you why.

Hampton Fancher, Denis Villeneuve, Harrison Ford, and Jared Leto talk "Blade Runner 2049."

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It's taken 35 years, and many a twist and turn, to make the latest incarnation of "Blade Runner." The 1982 original was such a fan favorite it made the journey for "2049" fraught, frustrating and leaving fans equally excited and nervous for a sequel.

We spoke to "Blade Runner" screenwriter Hampton Fancher and star Harrison Ford, both of whom have returned for the sequel, as well as "2049" director Denis Villeneuve and actor Jared Leto (who was only 11-years-old when the original was released). The quartet broke down how and why they made the movie.

Why did it take so long?
Hampton Fancher: "(Ridley Scott, director of the original 'Blade Runner,' and I) met

about three times in the late 80s over the space of 10 years to discuss the possibility of a sequel, and I was kind of excited about the idea of Deckard (Harrison Ford's character) having a future. But the rights were never clear."

What was your first reaction to the confirmation "Blade Runner" was coming back?

Harrison Ford: "Show me the script. Who are the people involved? When Ridley called the first question he had was, 'Would you, in theory, be interested in this?' He is quoted as saying that my reaction was, 'Meh.' But that was just my first reaction. What really mattered to me was the story to be told. And whether the character had a worthy purpose in the telling of this story. But we haven't agreed on everything all of the time. This was a great opportunity, though."

What was the most appealing aspect of returning to the world of "Blade Runner"?

Jared Leto: "It was just leaning on script. I had a great partner in Denis Villeneuve. You



Ryan Gosling as Officer K.
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rehearse, you research, you explore, you experiment, you become part investigator/part researcher, you let your imagination wander and you experiment."

What was it like working in the shadow of the original film?

Denis Villeneuve: "The ultimate test for a movie is if it can go through time, and if it can still

be accurate and meaningful years after it's released. That's what the first film was able to achieve. Even though the world moved in a different direction than the first movie, there are a few things that are prophetic. Our relationship with technology has evolved, and the relationship between man and his creator is something that can be

revisited through our new relationship with technology."
Hampton Fancher: "In terms of the atmosphere and ambiance, it's stronger than the first. Ridley was limited — he made that movie on a backlot set, and a lack of money. Ridley did fantastic, but this is a bigger world."
Jared Leto: "The original is one of my

favorite films. I've seen it a thousand times, and I've told a thousand people to watch it. Harrison is a legend to me, and then Denis is a genius, and a phenomenal filmmaker. To have the opportunity to work with them was just mind-blowing. But they both gave me a gift, and that meant a lot."
"Blade Runner 2049" is released on October 6.

But first, some backstory from 1982

Missed the original? We've got you covered. Here's a little background to help.

We begin with Harrison Ford playing the character of Deckard in the oh-so-distant-future year of 2019. But rather than a joyful Jetsons age, Los Angeles is beleaguered by a conflict between "synthetic humans" called Replicants (sent to work as slaves on colonies in outer space) and the real deal. Deckard's last assignment as a cop is to hunt down a group of these Replicants who have come back to Earth with a grudge. Deckard picks a few off, but then is told to take out one that he's smitten for. We're given a lesson in empathy, and taught that even synthy-people want to live longer and do better.



Denis Villeneuve, Ridley Scott, and stars Harrison Ford and Ryan Gosling
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Because their troubles may just feel "like tears in the rain," but Replicants are (almost) people too, amiright? And maybe Harrison Ford's

actually one of these himself? We're left with Harrison Ford and his new girlfriend escaping into the apocalypse.

JOSHUA CROUTHAMEL

OUR "BLADE RUNNER 2049" REVIEW

Director: Denis Villeneuve
Stars: Ryan Gosling, Harrison Ford
Rating: R

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The combination of Denis Villeneuve's gentle, elegant visuals, Roger Deakins' mesmeric and beautiful cinematography, and Ryan Gosling's intense, layered, and always cool performance

makes wallowing in "Blade Runner 2049" an enthralling experience. Hampton Fancher and Michael Green's script delves right into the themes and questions that has made the original so revered, but rather than being overly beholden to its predecessor it immediately expands the world. But, despite everything that's so exquisite and impressive about "Blade

Runner 2049," it rushes through important plot points and leaves gaps ... despite running for nearly three hours. There's a good chance these issues will smooth out with repeated viewings, though, and, like the original, it's likely to become even more appreciated over time. It turns out that sometimes they really do make them like they used to.

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Columbus statue in Columbus Circle gets 24-hour NYPD detail

The patrols aim to prevent additional vandalism to the 125-year-old statue ahead of Monday's Columbus Day holiday.



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Ahead of Monday's Columbus Day holiday, the NYPD will be offering

24-hour protection to the Christopher Columbus statue in Columbus Circle to thwart additional vandalism to the 125-year-old statue.

On Sept. 23, a home-

less man put pink nail polish on the bronze relief of Columbus on the base of the 70-foot pedestal the statue sits atop. The man said he used the nail polish to

represent blood on Columbus' hands as many demand his namesake October federal holiday to be renamed Indigenous People's Day due to the explorer's treatment of the people who inhabited the lands he discovered.

At least three of the city's five statues of Columbus have been defaced by paint or graffiti recently. Red paint was splashed on the Columbus statue in Central Park on Sept. 12, and just weeks earlier, one in Astoria was defaced to read, "Don't honor genocide."

The removal of Columbus statues and Confederate monuments have become a hot-point issue across the nation, especially in the wake of the violence

in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August.

Mayor Bill de Blasio recently created a commission to decide the fate of city monuments that may be deemed offensive. One or two NYPD police officers will work eight-hour shifts to keep watch over the monument in Columbus Circle, the New York Post reported. The statue is currently surrounded by metal barricades.

The department has not yet responded to a request from Metro regarding how much the 24-hour detail will cost.

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Ahead of Monday's Columbus Day holiday, the NYPD is keeping a close eye on the Columbus statue in Columbus Circle to prevent additional vandalism to the 125-year-old monument. **istock**

NYC PONZI SCHEME

NYC-area hedge fund manager charged with Ponzi fraud

A suburban New York hedge fund manager who once worked at Morgan Stanley and was accused of losing or spending all but about \$27,000 of the \$21.8 million he told investors he had, was criminally charged on Thursday with running a Ponzi scheme.

Prosecutors said Michael Scronic, 46, of Pound Ridge, New York, stole more than \$19 million from 45 investors he had lured since April 2010 to his Scronic Macro Fund.

Scronic, who has degrees from Stanford University and the University of Chicago, allegedly suffered losses in 28 of 29 calendar quarters, even as he reported

largely positive returns on falsified account statements.

Prosecutors said he also spent \$2.9 million on himself over 5 1/2 years, including \$180,000 annually on credit cards, fees for beach and country club memberships and mortgage payments for a vacation home in Vermont.

A lawyer for Scronic could not immediately be identified. The defendant worked for Morgan Stanley from 1998 to 2005, including on an equities trading desk, court papers show. Morgan Stanley was not accused of wrongdoing.

Scronic was criminally charged with one count each of securities fraud and wire fraud. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed related civil charges. **REUTERS**

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Just days after being fired, a construction worker fatally shot his former boss at a Midtown worksite before turning the gun on himself, police said. **FILE**

Worker fatally shoots his former boss then himself at Midtown construction site

The shooting occurred Thursday at Waterline Square, a complex of three future luxury condo high-rises.



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Days after a construction worker was fired from

a Midtown worksite, he fatally shot his former boss and then himself, the NYPD said.

The shooting occurred just after 7 a.m. Thursday at Three Waterline Square, a complex of three under-construction luxury condo high-rises located on West 59th Street near 11th Avenue.

The gunman, 44, fired multiple shots at his 37-year-old former foreman Chris Sayers of Plainview, Long Island, on the 37th floor, police said. Sayers was pronounced dead at the scene about an hour later.

Police said the suspect was found dead from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound on the fifth

floor. A 9 mm semi-automatic weapon was recovered at the scene.

The suspect, who is from Far Rockaway, was fired for insubordination by Sayers on Monday when he became outraged after being told to redo a wall construction.

"They got along really well. [Sayers] gets along with everybody," Robert Pagan, who was working a few floors down from the shooting, told DNAinfo, adding that the suspected gunman "is a good guy, too, but he's a little crazy, a little hot-headed."

The suspect had three previous arrests, two assaults and a burglary, police said. Police have not identified him, pending family notification.

LAS VEGAS SHOOTING



A "bump stock" made to fit a semi-automatic rifle. **GETTY IMAGES**

Congressional Republicans eye "bump stocks" after Las Vegas massacre

Republican lawmakers on Thursday said they would look into "bump stock" gun accessories after a retiree used rifles equipped with them to rain gunfire onto a Las Vegas concert, killing 58 people in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The influential National Rifle Association, which has opposed efforts to pass federal gun legislation following past mass shootings, said it would not oppose the move. It said the devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to behave as fully automatic weapons should be subject to additional regulations.

Investigators struggled to understand why Stephen Paddock, 64, assembled an arsenal of nearly 50 firearms and used them to spray bullets from the 32nd floor of a Las Vegas Strip hotel into a crowd of country music fans on Sunday before killing himself. Twelve rifles found in Paddock's hotel room had bump

stocks, authorities said. Reports also emerged on Thursday that Paddock, a gambling and cruise enthusiast, may have looked into carrying out an attack in Chicago or Boston.

Audio and video of the Sunday night attack contained the sound of extended periods of continuous gunfire into a crowd of terrified people, stirring the long-standing U.S. debate over how to regulate gun ownership, which is protected by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Senior Republicans on Thursday signaled they were ready to examine the sale of "bump stocks." The devices essentially allow legal rifles to serve as automatic weapons, which are largely illegal in the United States.

"Clearly that's something we need to look into," House Speaker Paul Ryan told radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt, referring to the accessories. "I didn't even know what they were until this week. I think we're quickly coming up to speed with what this is." **REUTERS**



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Danger ahead, Fed officials warn as Republicans move on tax reform

Congressional Republicans moved to hasten an overhaul of the U.S. tax code on Thursday, while Federal Reserve officials warned in rare public remarks that President Donald Trump's tax plan could lead to inflation and unsustainable federal debt.

In a procedural step forward, the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives approved by a 219-206 vote, a fiscal

2018 spending blueprint to help them advance an eventual tax bill. The blueprint contains a legislative tool that would let Republicans bypass Democrats and pass a tax bill by a majority vote in the Senate, where they hold 52 of 100 seats.

Still, months of debate in Congress lie ahead on crafting actual tax legislation, intended by Republicans to deliver on one of their key campaign promises of the 2016 elections.

Trump and top Republicans in Congress hope to enact a package

of tax cuts for corporations, small businesses and individuals before January, pledging that sharply lower taxes will boost U.S. economic growth, jobs and wages.

But Federal Reserve officials questioned this rosy scenario, saying the Republicans' proposed tax cuts could deliver a short-term growth surge, but also bring high inflation, burdensome government debt levels and an eventual return to sub-par economic growth.

Unless targeted to raise

productivity and underlying potential, San Francisco Fed President John Williams said a tax cut could feed "unsustainable" growth that would be undone by asset price bubbles, inflation and possible recession.

Fed officials generally refrain from commenting on fiscal policy, but the Trump administration is proposing \$6 trillion in personal and corporate tax cuts at a time when many economists feel the country does not need massive stimulus. **REUTERS**

Citi Bike has reached 50 millionth ride

The bike-share service blew past a milestone this week as it expands into more New York City neighborhoods.

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Citi Bike has pedaled past another milestone, marking its 50 millionth ride since the bike-sharing service launched in May 2013, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced this week.

This year, Citi Bike is on track to break last year's record of 14 million rides with a 19 percent increase in ridership so far this year.

Citi Bike is also in the midst of its fall expansion that will double the bike-sharing system in size since 2014, from 6,000 bikes to 12,000.

"In 2014, we committed to saving a struggling bike-share system and having it expand to more New York City communities," de Blasio said in a statement. "In almost three years since, the results speak for themselves: from Harlem to Red Hook, from Astoria to Bed-Stuy, those blue bikes

"Those blue bikes have now become part of the fabric of our city..."

Bill de Blasio

have become part of the fabric of our city — and we can now look forward to the 100 millionth ride."

As part of its 2017 expansion, Citi Bike is setting up 27 docking stations in Crown Heights and Prospect Heights that will begin to be installed as soon as Friday, DNAinfo reported. The fall expansion includes adding stations in Harlem, Astoria and Long Island City as well.

Jay Walder, President and CEO of Motivate, the company that operates Citi Bike said in a statement that when the program first launched in New York, "Fifty million rides seemed like an impossible goal."

"Today, Citi Bike is a crucial component of our transportation network as more New Yorkers and visitors than ever take to two wheels," he said. Daily, those blue bikes go on more than 60,000 rides in peak season. On Sept. 12, Citi Bike riders set another record for daily ridership with 74,428 trips. Since the system's launch, Citi Bike riders have pedaled 102,366,046 miles and offset 53,230,343.92 pounds of carbon and counting, according to the city.



Citi Bike has reached its 50 millionth ride since starting in 2013. **FILE**

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John Cho wasn't sold on horror until 'The Exorcist'



Cho has come a long way since small roles in 'Bowfinger' and 'American Pie.' He currently stars in FOX's 'The Exorcist.' SERGEI BACHLAKOV/FOX

Cho talks horror and diversity ahead of tonight's episode.

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John Cho is the newest star of FOX's "The Exorcist," which yes, is a sequel to the 1973 film of the same name. In the series, which airs Fridays at 9 p.m., the 45-year-old plays former

child psychologist Andrew Kim. But he wasn't necessarily following a long held onto dream, or anything.

"I grew up avoiding those kinds of movies," he tells Metro. "At first, I had an aversion towards horror, but then 'The Exorcist' came along. It's been a lot of fun."

The Seoul-born actor — who you may remember from the viral #StarringJohnCho campaign, an inclusion-

inspired movement that imagined a world where every leading actor is played by Cho himself — also knows it's important to see his face, in particular, in the terrifying anthology series. "I had not seen Asian faces in American horror," he told Entertainment Weekly in September. "It kind of tickled me to want to change that visual vocabulary a bit."

We chatted more with the "Star Trek"

alum about understanding the horror genre, religious influences and diversity in television.

What was it like coming into the horror genre for the first time?

I really had a great time working on the series. Now, I'm trying to learn mechanically what the horror genre requires: where the camera should be, for example, because it's not just about music and special

effects, it's about increasing tension. So I feel like I'm learning a lot about this genre and I'm really delighted to be doing it.

You guys are in the woods a lot this season. It's very spooky. That's compelling to me. It feels epic changing not only place, but also climate, atmosphere. Woods become mysterious when lit. You can see the beauty and danger of nature at the same place — the love and the wrath of God. You know, there are so many terrible things happening in the forests at night. That's why people go and leave dead bodies there.

Speaking of God, you grew up Catholic.

How has that influenced your work in this series?

Exorcisms and anything related to demons in general were a taboo in my family. But Catholicism was also a kind of taboo. So I am confronting all of that, all the taboos of my youth, in a

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single television series.

Why should people be watching this series? The characters — and I'm talking about everyone, including Father Tomas (Alfonso Herrera) and Father Marcus (Ben Daniels) — and the new additions, they make the series very resilient. And the show explores why we suffer, why we love, all the important things in life. It's a story people care about.

And it's very diverse which is a great thing to see on TV.

I've been in other films and series that have been really diverse, like "Star Trek." Directors and producers keep talking about diversity, but for me it's so natural. And it was something that attracted me to this series: The cast was already very diverse, and you don't really see that in horror.



GETTY



Ben Mendelsohn and Rooney Mara are titanic in this taut drama. THUNDERBIRD RELEASING

'Una'

Director: Benedict Andrews
Stars: Ben Mendelsohn, Rooney Mara
Rating: R



"Una" is uncomfortable and at times deeply unpleasant. But it is also captivating, thanks to director Benedict Andrews'

pitch perfect mise-en-scene. His balanced, character-driven hand allows "Una" to adapt from the theatre to film seamlessly, while also provoking a thousand different arguments in the process.

Beguiling performances from leads Ben Mendelsohn and Rooney Mara will keep you invested. A toned-down Mendelsohn almost seduces

you onto his side, all the while teasing a darker undercurrent. But even he can't quite match Mara, who plays with the silences and uses the slightest of facial movements and grimaces to make you feel sympathetic for her — and then, in the next moment, instantly wary of her. It's probably her best performance to date.

GREGORY WAKEMAN

'The Florida Project'

Director: Sean Baker
Stars: Willem Dafoe, Brooklynn
Kimberly Prince
Rating: R



It's impossible not to fall a little bit in love with "The Florida Project." While that's mostly thanks to the youthful vibrancy

and energy that's generated by Brooklyn Kimberly Prince as Moonee, it helps that director Sean Baker and cinematographer Alexis Zabe's camera is warm and non-judgmental to its downtrodden yet charismatic characters.

Rather than being heavy on plot, "The Florida Project" intimately explores the modern underbelly of the working class, allowing you to wallow in their world. At various points you

expect the film to explode into action. Instead it offers a poetic, funny and beautifully composed look at characters that cinema doesn't usually explore. And it's anchored by astounding performances. Especially Willem Dafoe, who is caring, abrupt and destined to be remembered for this terrific performance. If all is right with the cinematic world, the rest of the cast and crew shouldn't be far behind. **GW**



Willem Dafoe is immediately in the running for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. **A24**

No water at this aquarium



Interact with digital wildlife at National Geographic's Encounter: Ocean Odyssey. PROVIDED

National Geographic brings the aquarium of the future to Times Square with Encounter: Ocean Odyssey.



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You don't have to score a seat in Jacques Cousteau's submarine to see some of the ocean's mightiest creatures.

Come face-to-face with dolphins, sharks, humpback whales and the fierce Humboldt squid — which have 40,000 teeth thanks to razor-sharp tentacles — at Encounter: Ocean Odyssey, National Geographic's new interactive digital aquarium of the future in Times Square.

"Our dream is to create entertainment that matters," says Lisa Truitt, chief creative officer and partner at SPE Partners, which created the exhibit's visuals. "We all feel strongly that now is the time to focus on science and the vital importance of keeping our oceans

healthy, and entertainment is a critical component of that message."

So instead of fish tanks or recreations of natural habitats, giant screens house all of the creatures at Ocean Odyssey.

Even National Geographic's deep archives of animal footage weren't enough to create this aquarium of the future — every creature is animated by the team that brought Game of Thrones' dragons to life, with authentic nature sounds and original compositions by Grammy-winning composer David Kahne.

"In order to fill those huge immersive screens, we needed extremely high resolution imagery in addition to a high framerate for some of the scenes," explains Truitt. "We wanted to showcase some of the most interesting and rarely-witnessed animal behavior the ocean has to offer, but capturing all that on film in the correct format of the experience was only possible via pho-

to-real animation."

Best suited to younger children, Ocean Odyssey consists of several different experiences. Visitors start out "underwater," surrounded by the vibrant coral reef off the Solomon Islands projected onto a giant curved screen and the floor. As dolphins and tropical fish swim past onscreen, the



fish at your feet dart in and out of corals as you step close to them.

Other rooms contain a touchable coral reef with a similarly interactive

floor. Imagine yourself deep under the ocean in a near pitch-black room, with nothing but the soothing sound of whales all around you.

In a moment of drama, watch two Humboldt squids dart between two giant screens as they fight for dominance, then escape through a funhouse mirror maze of kelp.

If getting onto a whale-watching ship is not in your budget, you can swim with the magnificent creatures in a 3D movie, and even play with a seal thanks to the magic of motion capture.

Now that the kids are properly excited, the exhibit ends with an educational portion. Oh, and you're actually helping the real oceans by visiting Ocean Odyssey: a portion of ticket sales will benefit the National Geographic Society's mission of conservation.

Encounter: Ocean Odyssey opens Oct. 6 at 226 W. 44th. Tickets are \$39.50.

5. The Dead Rabbit

The Irish Coffee by Jack McGarry

"The drink I always say I'm super proud of is our Irish Coffee. We sell between 400-700 a week, and every one is consistently beautiful. We worked extremely hard to get this right with preparation and execution methods. I could go on and on about that, but come in and experience it for yourself. We serve the best Irish Coffee in the world."



What to order at New York City's best bars

The annual list of the World's 50 Best Bars, as voted on by 500 cocktail experts (now there's a title!), is out, and New York City tied with London for getting eight bars on the list. Though the Financial District's The Dead Rabbit lost its

top spot, its sister bar BlackTail also made the list, along with the venerable NoMad Bar and the reimagined Dante. Now that you know where to go, we asked our local winners what to order when you get there. EVA KIS

32. BlackTail

The Daiquiri by Jesse Vida

"The Daiquiri at BlackTail is the true staple of our drinks program. When a guest sits down, they are greeted with a frozen welcome daiquiri, as an introduction to the bar. We offer six variations of the daiquiri on our menu including the Hemingway, coconut and pineapple. We have a menu of 50 intricate and complex cocktails, but we put a lot of effort into perfecting the simple things, like a well-made classic. As a Cuban-American bar, we need to ensure the daiquiri is perfect."



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3. The NoMad Bar

*The Start Me Up by
Leo Robitschek*

"Our menu changes seasonally, so I wouldn't say that we have a signature drink per se, but one of our biggest crowd-pleasers is The Start Me Up. It's a split-base whiskey and rum sour variation with a hint of Strega Liqueur, that is layered with flavors of ginger, herbs and honey. This is the only cocktail that has been on every NoMad cocktail list as it transcends seasons."



8. Attaboy

*The Penicillin by
Sam Ross and
Micky McIlroy*

"Attaboy (formerly Milk & Honey) is known for a lot of modern classics that can be found replicated around the world such as a Greenpoint, Paper Plane, American Trilogy and the Maids. The Penicillin would probably be our most popular request at our menu-less bar though."

42. Mace
*Mace by
Nico de Soto,
Beverage Director*
"Mace has been on our menu since the opening. It's a perfect blend of acidity (orange), earthiness (beet juice), bitterness (Aperol) and a nutty sweetness from the young coconut. A spray of mace tincture adds a nice peppery finish. It's complex but easy to order; a drink that suits everyone."



16. Dante

*The Garibaldi by
Naren Young*

This simple mixed drink that is quite common throughout Italy is made with just Campari and fresh squeezed orange juice. "This is not a drink we claim to have invented, but it is one we believe we've perfected, and that is because of the type of juice we extract from a very high speed machine that essentially pushes air into the juice. It's what we've coined 'fluffy' juice; plus we have a very simple but striking presentation of the finished drink."



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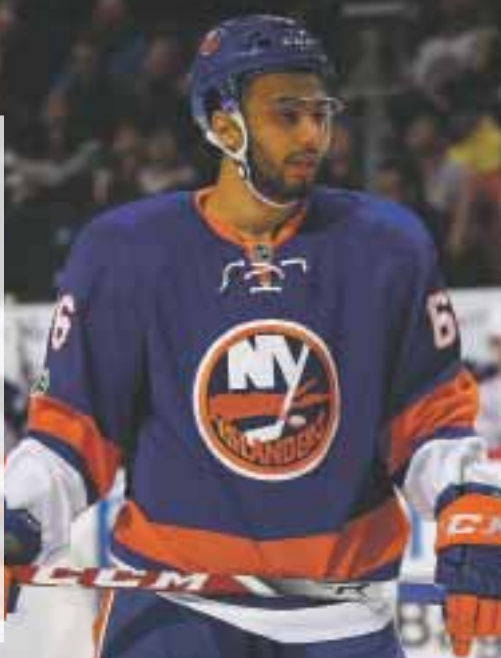
Things to watch for with the Islanders this season

The captain's looming contract situation

Everybody and their mother knows that John Tavares' contract is up at the end of this season.

While both sides attempted to hammer out an extension this summer, it wasn't able to happen as the All-Star needs to see some improvements from the team both on the ice and in the hunt for a new home arena.

The 27-year-old has remained professional throughout the negotiation process so far, but it remains to be seen if it will hinder his or his teammates' production.



Send in the kids

General manager Garth Snow wasn't all that aggressive on the open market in order to bring in new players. Instead, the team's big acquisitions outside of Jordan Eberle came from within the organization.

Josh Ho-Sang (21 years old) will get to play his first full season in the NHL and he'll be joined by Mathew Barzal (20 years old), as a pair of young rookies who can skate circles around the opposition.

Ho-Sang has the skill-set to mount a serious charge at Calder Trophy honors (Rookie of the Year) and could very well flank Barzal on the Islanders' second line this season depending on veteran Josh Bailey's production.

Anthony Beauvillier, who is just 20, is also set to be featured on the third line. In 66 games last season, he recorded nine goals and 15 assists.



OPENING NIGHT

Friday vs. Blue Jackets at 7 p.m. on MSG+

JT, meet JE

For a majority of John Tavares' career, the Islanders have been in search for a bona fide first-line winger to compliment the face of the franchise.

Kyle Okposo and Thomas Vanek were the closest things to that a few years back as the trio were briefly one of the best lines in hockey during the 2013-14 season.

But the departures of both players have left the Islanders scrambling, though Anders Lee provided 34 goals last season.

The problem is, Lee is a John LeClair-like winger; or someone who gets a bulk of his goals cleaning up rebounds in front of the net.

Tavares is in need of a playmaker and the Islanders might have got just from the Edmonton Oilers in Jordan Eberle. The 27-year-old became expendable on a roster that boasted young, talented scorers. But he holds the promise of being a 75-80 point player if he and Tavares can sync up quickly. That would make New York's first line a scary-looking unit.

JOE PANTORNO

Metro predicts the Isles' starting lines

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GOALIES

Meet the men who make the MSG ice at Rangers games

Paul Curtis and Jack Durkin have kept the ice at Madison Square Garden as immaculate as the arena it's housed in.



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It's a Monday afternoon, just three days away from the New York Rangers' season opener against the Colorado Avalanche, and the ice at Madison Square Garden is covered up and littered with gigantic pink flamingos in preparation of pop star Katy Perry's concert later that night.

Within the bowels of the world's most famous arena, Jack Durkin and Paul Curtis, who Rangers fans see every night driving Zambonis to resurface the ice, are preparing like it's the middle of the NHL season.

Both Durkin and Curtis have been apart of the Rangers ice crew for over 25 years, working together like a well-oiled machine despite being from opposite sides of the Atlantic.



Jack Durkin cuts the MSG ice. COURTESY OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS

Durkin, who has worked at MSG for 34 years and on the ice for 32, hails from Woodside while Curtis, a 25-year MSG veteran and 17-year ice member comes from London.

"We start at 7 a.m., all the boards are off the floor and the end boards and glass are already in. The ice will be dirty from people spilling beer, spilling sodas," Durkin said. "We'll cut the ice, we'll clean it all up and by 9:30, it would be ready for either the visiting team or the Rangers will be on the ice for morning skate."

HOW DOES THE ICE GET THERE?

No matter what time of year, Madison Square Garden is always bustling. Whether it's Knicks and Rangers games, boxing matches, concerts or dog shows, the event floor is constantly experiencing turnover.

Remarkably enough, the ice is always there.

Curtis and Durkin lay down the surface once a year, which came on Labor Day Weekend this year. And there is a meticulous way to do it.

"We put down a thin layer of water, white paint, another layer of water and then all the logos go in, the red lines, the blue lines, the goal creases," Durkin said. "And then an inch worth of ice on top of it."

While the lines are painted, the Rangers logo and advertisements are vinyl. But what's with the white paint?

"We have to paint the floor white because water's clear. Because it's only an inch thick, grey concrete floors would turn up grey under the ice," Durkin added.

GAME NIGHT

While fans see both Durkin and Curtis driving the Zamboni during intermission, they spend their time working on their rides during the action.

"We clean the machines off, spray the ice off



Paul Curtis (left) and Jack Durkin (right) have been working at Madison Square Garden for a combined 59 years. COURTESY OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS

and fill them with water again, Curtis said. "And then we get them ready for the next interval."

Sounds easy enough, right? Not so fast.

If there's a fight, they're scraping blood off the ice. If there are any imperfections, they have to go out and fix it.

And if a Ranger scores a hat trick, watch out.

"One night, we had a painter's hat giveaway and Jaromir Jagr recorded a hat trick," Durkin recalled. "And it rained, and it rained. They kept on coming down."

Their night doesn't end when the game ends.

"At the end of the game, we'll flood everything, put water down," Durkin said. "We put a lot of water down and that's what we cut away on game day. So the core thickness stays the same."

If all goes well, they get to head out around midnight.

JUST TWO OF THE GUYS

But the job certainly has its perks, especially for the two men that have worked a combined 59 years in the building.

Both men were working with the team in 1994 when the Rangers won their first Stanley Cup since 1940. But only Dur-



Paul Curtis resurfaces the ice on his Zamboni during a 2016-17 regular season game. COURTESY OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS

kin was driving the Zamboni at the time.

"[The best moment on the job] has to be the Cup," Durkin said. "It was seven games, it was beyond belief and getting to drink out of the Cup that night...what's more fun than that?"

Not much would be. But hanging out with some of the greatest players to ever don the red, white and blue would probably be a close second.

Oh, both Durkin and Curtis did that, too.

"We would regularly go out with Mark [Messier], with Brian [Leetch], with Adam [Graves] and they're low-key guys,"

Durkin said. "We'd go to Rangers bars and only Rangers bars because these guys would sign autographs until their arms would fall off. They'd talk about everything from golf to boats. Everything but hockey, that is. They couldn't have been nicer." "Hockey players are always good eggs," Curtis added. "I'd say 99 percent of them."

Eighteen years later, Curtis got to experience operating a Zamboni in a Stanley Cup Final.

"I drove in 2012 against the Kings and that was brilliant. And I made a conscious effort while I was driving around to remember everything," he

said. "And I remember everything...the place was going mad and I'll always remember that."

For this brand-new season, the hopes among MSG's icemen remain sky-high.

"[I'm expecting] late June. Very late June," Durkin said. "I expect to be looking up as we drive down the Canyon of Heroes... Clearly, we're fans. It's not just a job, we're fans and we're invested in this. And the losses, they hurt. Especially when it's later in the season."

"I think they're going to do all right. There are so many good teams," Curtis added. "I think it's the Rangers' turn."

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC
V. MICHELLE STUART, et al.
NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment to of Foreclosure dated November 14, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is the Plaintiff and MICHELLE STUART, ET AL. are Defendant(s), I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the QUEENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 88-11 SUTPHIN BLVD. COURTROOM #25, JAMAICA, NY 11435, on October 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM, premises known as 178-06 SAYRES AVENUE, JAMAICA, NY 11433: Block 10295
Lot 3: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 27574/2009. Ned H. Kassman - Referee RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, New York 11590 Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1305426, for Liquor, Wine & Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine & Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 445 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Kings County, for on premise consumption. Poquito Fesante LLC.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF0 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff
AGAINST Natalie Lawes a/k/a Natalie T. Lawes; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 25, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom #25 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on October 20, 2017 at 10:00AM, premises known as 241-09. Weller Avenue, Rosedale, NY 11422. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of NY, Block: 13555 Lot: 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$660,263.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 12223/2013. Gary M. Darche, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
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Dated: August 23, 2017.

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Paying Agent and Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST Plaintiffs - against - HEALY AVENUE REALTY INC, et al. Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated July 25, 2017, and entered on August 4, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Supreme Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., in Courtroom# 25, Jamaica, NY on October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, known as Tax Lot 7 in Block 15731 on the tax map of the City of New York, Borough of Queens, as said tax map was on August 08, 2013. Block 15731 Lot 7
Said premises known as 23-73 HEALY AVENUE, FAR ROCKAWAY, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$21,456.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7914/2014. PETER WOLF, ESQ. Referee Seyfarth Shaw LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 620 Eighth Avenue New York, NY 10018.

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SUPREME COURT:
COUNTY OF QUEENS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, vs. ROBERTO SOLIS, LINDA SOLIS, et al., Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Queens County on February 21, 2017, I, Eugene F. Crowe, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on November 3, 2017 at the Queens County Supreme Court located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY in Courtroom #25, County of Queens, State of New York, at 10:00 A.M., the premises described as follows: 217-10 110th Road, Queens Village, NY 11429 SBL No.: 11145-21 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate at Bellaire in the Fourth Ward of the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 706886/2015 in the amount of \$419,533.35 plus interest and costs.
Michael Jablonski, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St., Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WF2, Plaintiff, AGAINST WAHEED BEGUM A/K/A WAHEED UMNISA A/K/A WAHEED KHAN, et al. Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly granted September 15, 2016 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Queens County Courthouse, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd, Jamaica, NY on November 3, 2017 at 10:00 AM premises known as 33-26 75TH ST., JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY 11372-1143 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City of New York and State of New York. Block 1247 and Lot 18 Approximate amount of judgment \$756,060.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #703049/2013 MITCHELL L. KAUFMAN, ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747

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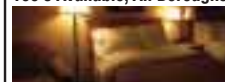
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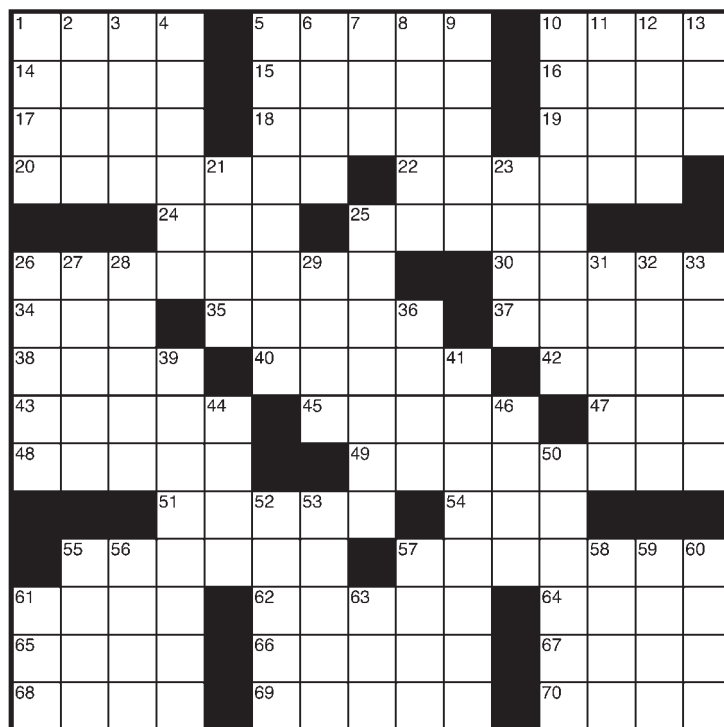
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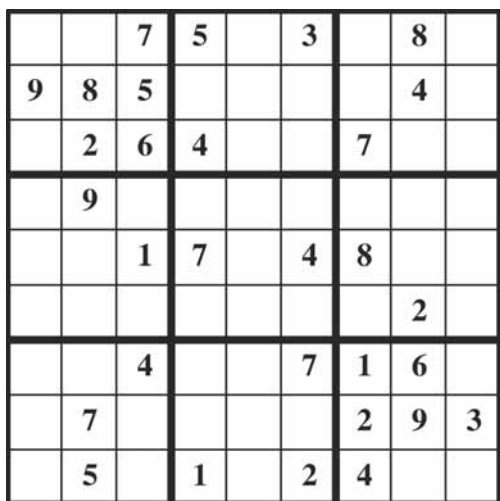
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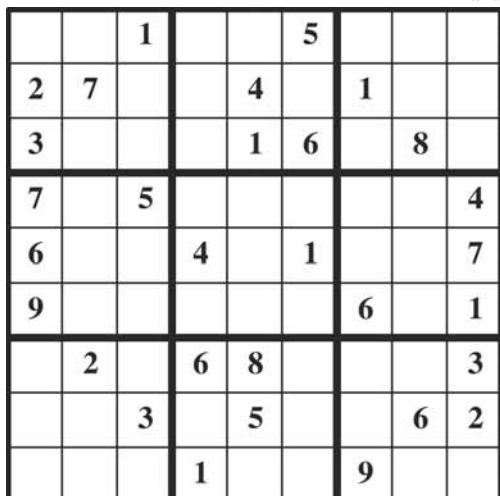


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